

REMARKS

The present paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006. Claim 3 is amended and no claims are added or cancelled herein. Claims 1-8, 10 and 13-15 remain pending.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. In addition, Applicant requests that the Examiner carefully review any references discussed below to ensure that Applicant's understanding and discussion of the references, if any, is consistent with the Examiner's understanding.

I. Rejection of claims 1, 2, 8, and 10 Under 35 U.S.C. §102e

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yoo, et al.* (United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0111701). Because *Yoo* does not teach or suggest each and every element of the rejected claims, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the following remarks.

In rejecting claims 1, 2, 8, and 10, the Examiner states "light also can enter or leave longitudinally form side slots 162 in the sides of the device as described in *Yoo*. . . . Flexible conductor arrangement 210-212-214-216 (FPC's) defines slide slots 162 in the sense that the FPC's are positioned at portions of *Yoo* et al.'s bottom chassis where the side slots 162 do not exist." Office Action, page 5. The Examiner cites figure 4 in further support of this characterization of *Yoo*. However, it is clear from figure 4 that FPC 210 does not actually define side slot 162, but instead sits next to side slot 162. Rather, side slot 162 is defined by bottom chassis 162. For example, paragraph [0042] states that "side slots 162 are **formed on** one and the other portions of the bottom chassis 160. . ." (emphasis added)

In direct contrast, the rejected claim 1 explicitly recites "a flexible conductor arrangement...wherein the flexible conductor arrangement defines an opening through which light can enter or leave..." Thus, it is irrelevant whether light can enter or leave side slot 162 as the side slot 162 is defined by bottom chassis 160 and not the FPC's 210-212-214-216. Further, assuming *arguendo*, that FPC 210 of figure 4 does define slot 162, each and every element of claim 1 is still not disclosed by *Yoo*. For example, claim 1 also recites "a flexible conductor arrangement...wherein the flexible conductor arrangement defines an opening through which light can enter or leave, the opening defined opposite the optical window." However, a close inspection of figure 4 and figure 2 clearly shows that side slot 162 is not opposite purported optical window 115 as is positioned in a manner that does not allow it to be opposite purported optical window 115.

At least because the Examiner has not demonstrated that *Yoo* teaches a flexible conductor arrangement that "defines an opening through which light can enter or leave" and that is "defined opposite the optical window" as recited in amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) of independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 8 and 10, be withdrawn.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 14-15 is appreciated. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of those claims.

The Applicant's submit the following comments concerning the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 14-15 is patentable over the prior art, but respectfully disagrees with the Examiners statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in Office Action. Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicant's do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and

do not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have rewritten claim 3 in an independent format so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim. In particular, the scope of newly amended independent claim 3 (i.e., the scope of former dependent claim 3) has not been narrowed in any way so as to overcome any prior art, but has merely been rewritten in an independent format. As acknowledged by the Examiner, that claim is patentably distinct from the prior art, and is now in a condition for allowance.

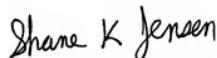
The Examiner has also indicated that claims 4-7 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicant notes that as these claims are dependent on claim 1, they are also allowable in their present form and therefore the rejection of these claims should also be withdrawn for at least reasons discussed above for claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that he has addressed every issue raised in the Office Action and have put the claims in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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